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In a brand-new companion to his beloved classic *It's Okay to Be Different*, *New York Times* bestselling author Todd Parr encourages kids to be proud of who they are inside.

Be who you are!

Be proud of where you're from.

Be a different color. Speak your language.

Wear everything you need to be you.

Who better than Todd Parr to remind kids that their unique traits are what make them so special? With his signature silly and accessible style, Parr encourages readers to embrace all their unique qualities.

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Jenny says

Really is a great companion to It's Ok to Be Different. Good reminder to be yourself and to embrace your unique qualities. Why is that so hard to do sometimes? Even as an adult...

Vicki says

Only Todd Parr, can tell children to be accepting of themselves in this very special way. Awesome brightly colored pictures and I loved that a pair of underwear is in this book!

Every child (and adult) should read this book, especially now.

Daniel Thompson says

Every child should have to read this book. It sends a message that is something that should be common knowledge but is not. Every child should feel comfortable to be who they are but some children are not. We need to show children that being who they are is the best version of themselves and that who they are is amazing. I think many children try to do things to fit in but they should do things to stand out. Being unique is amazing and being yourself is even better. This message is amazing and the way hat the author conveys the message is amazing as well. It does not matter who or what you are, you are amazing in some way and somebody loves you. I love this message and think children need to understand this message as well.

Kris says

Another gem from Todd Parr. You know, sometimes we all need this reminder - it's okay to be who you are. Bold messages, bright pictures - it's a Todd Parr. Yay!

Cheryl Gladfelter says

Love this book so much.

Stephanie says

I love all of Todd Parr's books. It all started with discovering *The Daddy Book* and the *The Mommy Book* at the Library. Ever since, I have enjoyed reading his books to my children. Todd Parr sends a message in every book - that it's okay to be who you are and to accept and love others for who they are. These simple lessons

are exactly what children need to know growing up. His illustrations are fun and enjoyable. I recommend Todd Parr's books to children and adults alike!!

Adam says

The genre is fantasy because it includes some unrealistic elements. For example, some people in the illustrations are blue and green.

The target audience is primary (K-3).

Making Connections:

Text-to-Self: I love how this book encourages diversity in all forms and really expands the concept of multiculturalism to more than just race in a way even children can understand.

Text-to-Text: This book reminded me of *Who Are You?: The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity* by Brook Pessin-Whedbee because both books encourage children to explore and accept their identities and the identities of others.

Text-to-World: I feel children can really benefit from seeing differences and diversity portrayed in such a natural and playful way because it will encourage them to accept their own differences and others' differences.

Diana Thomsen says

Yeah...really didn't like this one. At all. The message is good, but there are times when you have to follow rules, even if they aren't what you want to do. I think tempering the individuality message with the reality of said rules is a good thing. My biggest thing, though, was the way the author practically screamed at the reader with the huge "be who you are" spreads. They were uncomfortable to look at and felt actually very confrontational. Made the little rebel in me want to refuse to accept what he was saying. And I think that may have been somewhat contrary to the point. Although...maybe that IS the point. If I want to conform to societal norms, isn't that my choice, too?

Christina/ The Blog for Teachers, Readers, & Life! says

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Lexile Measure: 270

Ages 4-8 years

USA Grades: Pre-K- First Grade

Be Who You Are is a wonderful celebration of being your authentic self. I am pleased that Parr wrote a touching letter to his readers at the beginning of the story about how he felt different and didn't quite fit in.

Parr's dazzled me with his boldly colored pictures and his simple but effective words. Now, more than ever, we need books like this that celebrate the diversity that makes the world go round. So, "try new things, be confident,... just be who you are!"

This book is a great way to show children how valuable they are. I would highly recommend this book!

Awards/Recognition(s): Todd Parr has won numerous awards for his book that celebrate diversity including: New York Times Bestselling Author, Family Equality Council, Parent's Choice Gold Award, Mom's Choice Award Honoring Excellence, and more...

(From my post 10 Incredible Individuals & 2 Math Activities)

Molly says

This is a lovely book that encourages all to "be who you are" in all the various ways you can. It is simple and sweet with great artwork. Another Todd Parr classic.

Amanda says

I think that I liked this more than I would have because I read the author's note in the beginning where he talked about not fitting in as a kid, and I totally could relate to that, and as a Mommy I worry about Madam and Mister not finding their true selves and standing strong. *sigh* Life can be brutal sometimes.

Rainey says

I love Todd Parr. I bought Todd Parr stamp sets and stickers from FAO Schwarz almost 20 years ago, and I never looked back. His message is clear- kindness, acceptance, and love are what we need most. I think perhaps some reviewers missed that message.

Sheri says

Colorful book easy for kids to relate to the kid-like illustrations and with a message to just be you. Simple and spare text and lots of illustrations to fill each page. Easily read by lower elementary children and the message comes across over and over. The emotions and kids, animals, and robots showing the different types of foods and dress and way each looks and acceptance of these.

JennE says

I appreciate Todd Parr's messages to kids about making mistakes, being different, the importance of reading and that family doesn't always mean a mom+dad. Be Who You Are is another positive message that celebrates our uniqueness. His note at the beginning about how he felt awkward and out of place as a kid, will resonate with all kids and adults that have ever felt out of place because of clothes, skin color, hairstyles, etc.. A must-have for all teachers and parents.

Mary says

An energetic followup to Parr's *It's Okay To Be Different*, this is a bright and colorful picture book celebrating individuality. A happy book with a loving message.
